Drug Intermediates required for anti-T.B. drugs

1257. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the drug intermediates that are used in manufacturing of anti-T.B. drugs;

(b) whether such drug intermediates attract different rates of customs duty on import; and

(c) if so, the justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The information is given in statement annexed (*see* below).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The proposals/ suggestions for Customs & Excise Duty rationalisation received from various sources are examined from the angle of the total requirement of the country, indigenous availability, import policy and other related matters, and also from the view point of encouraging production from the basic stage. The proposals are then recommended to the Ministry of Finance who in turn decide the level of duty based on the policy/procedure adopted by them in the matter.

Statement

1. Rifampicin	:	Rifa-s or Refa-SV or (Rifa-S-Formyl) or Rifa-S-Sodium
2. Ethambutol	:	(i) dl-2amino butanol (ii) d-2-amino butanol
3. Pyrazinamide	:	(i) Di-amine maleonitrile (DAMN) (ii) 2-cyano Pyrazine (iii) Pyrazine Carboxylic Acid
4. Isoniazid	:	Isonicotinic Acid (i) 4-cyano pyridine (ii) gama-picolin (iii) 4-Pyridine Carboxylio Acid.

Construction of Swimming Pools of International Standard

1258. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Swimming Pools of international standard constructed in 1994-95 in the country;

(b) whether the Sports Authority of India is monitoring such development; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) (SHRI. MUKUL WASNIK): (a) The Deptt. of Youth Affairs and Sports does not maintain any record of Swimming Pools of international standard, being constructed in each country. It only implements a Scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports infrastructure, under which a maximum grant of Rs. 43.00 lakhs (estimated cost Rs. 85.00 lakhs & above) can be given for construction of a Swimming pool of international standard (size

50m × 21m). During 1994-95, the Deptt. sanctioned money for 4 Swimming Pools of international standard.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not-arise.

Corruption in DDA

1259. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item, captioned "Illegal units allowed to flourish: Engineer reveals manipulation in DDA Industrial Branch" which appeared in the "Indian Express' dated 16th April, 1995;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) DDA has reported that Shri R.S. Sheoren, Junion Engineer, who was earlier working in the Industrial Branch (now working in Commercial 'Land Branch) had alleged in his notes sent in March/April, 1995 about the faulty system of inspection of the industrial units followed in the Industrial Branch, although the system of inspections had been reviewed and fresh instructions issued in September, 1994.

(c) DDA has informed that the allegations about the discriminatory treatment meted out to Shri Sheoren in the matter of assigning the duties or distribution of the work amongst the Junior Engineers, are baseless and that there is no lacuna in the system of inspections which was streamlined in September, 1994.

केन्द्रीय मृदा और सामग्री अनुसंधानशाला में बेकार पड़े उपकरण

1260. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:** क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को मंत्रालय की केंद्रीय मृदा और सामग्री अनुसंधानशाला में जल संसाधन विकास के लिए प्रयुक्त होने वाली करोड़ों रुपए की मशीनों के बंद पड़े होने की जानकारी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और उसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में पूरे तथ्यों का पता लगाने के लिए कोई जांच की है, यदि हां, तो इस बर्बादी के लिए जिम्मेदार अधिकारियों के खिलाफ क्या कार्यवाही की गई है; और

(घ) सरकार ने इन उपकरणों को प्रचालनात्मक बनाने के लिए क्या निर्णय लिया है?

जल संसाधन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी॰वी॰ रंगैया नायडू): (क) से (घ) कुछ शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई थी कि केन्द्रीय मृदा एवं सामग्री अनुसंधानशाला में करोड़ों रुपए मूल्य की मशीनें बेकार पड़ी हुई हैं। सरकार ने इसे गम्भीरता से लिया है तथा उच्च स्तरीय जांच की गई है जिससे पता चला है कि सभी आरोप निराधार हैं।

Improving the efficiency of Public Sector Seed Corporation

1261. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made efforts to improve the efficiency of the public sector seed corporation at National and State level so that it can be made economically viable;

(b) if so, what improvements have been made therein and the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent the success has been ved by Government during the last years?